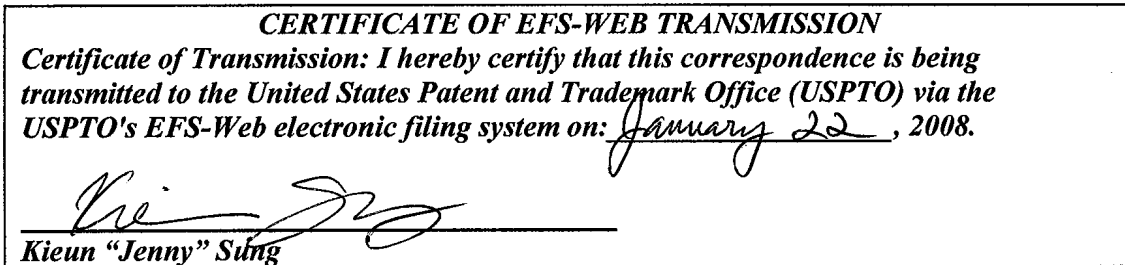


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on September 24, 2007, the statutorily shortened reply period for which ended on December 24, 2007. An accompanying Petition requests that this reply period be extended by one month, to January 24, 2008.

Claim Amendments are shown in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.